

# Public Health Resources for Primary Care DISABILITIES

#### INTRODUCTION

In Michigan, approximately one in four, or 1.86 million adults, have a disability. People with disabilities have a lower threshold for acquiring secondary conditions and chronic diseases, and often experience barriers to accessing healthcare. The disability health initiative at MDCH can help care providers reduce the barriers to quality care, and provide people with disabilities with the tools to manage and improve their health.

## WEB RESOURCES

## Access to Primary Care for People with Disabilities

In this ten-minute webcast, you'll learn about the barriers to good primary care for people with disabilities, and how you can help address those barriers. Includes links to an expanded web-based course for CEUs.

# Continuing Education for Healthcare Providers

This one hour, online course for healthcare providers and care coordinators presents the basics of creating an accessible healthcare experience for people with a variety of disabling conditions. CEUs are available. To take the course, <u>click here</u> and scroll down to "Continuing Education Opportunities."

# Accessible mammography facilities

For a list of mammography facilities by Michigan county that are accessible for women with disabilities, click here.

#### Is your practice accessible?

Use this self-assessment to determine whether your practice provides adequate access for your patients with disabilities.

# Target populations

- Clinicians in primary care practices, and the patients with disabilities that they serve
- Adults with disabilities (including but not limited to physical, sensory, developmental disabilities, and mental illness), advocates and caregivers

#### Website

• http://www.michigan.gov/disabilityhealth

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# Michigan Partnership for Health and Disability

The Partnership for Health & Disability is a collaboration between public health and disability advocacy and service organizations on issues that surround health for people with disabilities in the state of Michigan. This website provides resources for health providers, data on disability prevalence in Michigan, resources for consumers, and information on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and their families and caregivers.

# Michigan Disability Resources

A web-based resource for Michigan residents with disabilities. The website is a clearinghouse of information related to a wide array of issues and topics, including health coverage, disability benefits, employment, education, housing, transportation, technology and civil rights.

# National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability

The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) hopes to effect change in health promotion/obesity management among people with disabilities by providing advocacy, services and programs to individuals and organizations throughout the country. Among its most useful tools are individualized physical activity regimens targeted to individuals' unique abilities and limitations.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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